



# The Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Birmingham



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## Chairman's Letter



Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Dear Fellow Devotees,

I want to thank the Board for electing me as their Chairman. I appreciate your renewed faith and confidence in this noble institution. In the 20 years I have been in this town, I have developed remarkable and lasting friendships and I'm gratified at the prospect of continuing and expanding those relationships. We still have so much to accomplish together; our bonds of shared values and record of achievements are unique assets I'll continue to rely on again and again.

With so many successful celebrations of festivals and cultural events throughout last year, mark the end of fifteen eventful years of almost unending religious, spiritual and cultural activities, which have enhanced the quality of our life and that of our children. The temple has become the nerve center of our lives with celebrations of all kinds of functions and ceremonies. Only your cooperation and contribution has brought us this far and your sustained help will accomplish the Temple's objectives. This noble project was started with humility and great dedication and sacrifice by all of us together as one family. I have no doubt in my mind that going forward, every one of us will come together as a part of the same Vasudeva Kutumbam.

*Rig Veda* is regarded as the oldest of all Vedas, dated as 4000 B.C., intones that "*let there be goodness in the hearts and thoughts*". Since all are embodiments of the Divinity, all human beings are one. I want to reassure you all that the elected board of trustees are very reasonable and responsible persons and any decision made by this board is done after a considerable thoughts and discussion with single purpose of benefiting our community. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you again and appreciate the tremendous support the community has given to the temple. We will continue to strive hard to make this temple a great asset for our community and serve its needs. I request your continued whole-hearted support to the new team of committee members and trustees, to make their tenure as the office bearer of THTCCB worthwhile. Your active participation is solicited so that we may truly succeed in our mission. We appreciate the opportunity given to us to serve the temple and the community.

May Lord Rama always bless you and your family!

Sincerely,

Vishwa Rao,

Chairman, Board of Trustees, THTCCB



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Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

### **Announcement of the New Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the THTCCB:**

Dear Devotees:

The Board of Trustees ("the Board") of The Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Birmingham ("THTCCB") at its first meeting held on March 30, 2014 unanimously elected **Mr. Vishwa Rao**, as Chairman of the Board effective from March 31, 2014 - 2017. Mr. Vishwa Rao will succeed Mr. Anil Patel, Chairman THTCCB, who will continue to serve as a Board Member.

Mr. Rao has joined in 1994, the enthusiastic group of people with a mission to build a place of worship for the Greater Birmingham Indian Community. His professional background, qualification and diligence in planning and supervising the construction of "*Temple and Vidya Mandir*", are greatly appreciated by the Indian Community at large. His significant role in making a vision to reality in itself is a testimony to his dedication and leadership qualities. Prior to his current position as Vice-Chairman, Mr. Rao served as Secretary (two terms), President and a Board of Trustee since its inception.

The Board Members of the THTCCB are welcoming its new Chairman and wish him every success in shaping the future of the Temple. At the same time the Board Members of the THTCCB want to thank Mr. Anil Patel for his outstanding leadership and the valuable contribution as Chairman over the past three years.

We appreciate the opportunity given to us to serve the Temple and community.

Sincerely,

THTCCB Board of Trustees